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1. AL AHRAH

MAIN FRONT PAGE STORY ON SINAI FRONT BRIEFLY MENTIONED

U.S. COMPENSATES ISREAEL FOR GREAT LOSSES.

SECOND LEAD STORY COVERED UNDER HEADLINE "WASHINGTON-MOSCOW SC CEASE-FIRE "DRAFT PROPOSAL." REUTER REPORTED PROPOSAL CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE, IMPLEMENTING "ALL PROVISIONS" OF SC 242 RESOLUTION AND TALKS AMONG CONCERNED PARTIES "UNDER PROPER SUPERVISION" TO ESTABLISH "JUST AND LANDING ME PEACE."

ANOTHER FRONT PAGE STORY QUOTED KUWAIT WIRE SERVICES ON STOPPING "ALL ARAB OIL" TO U.S. AND TO OTHER "PRO ISRAELI" NATIONS.

TEL AVIV UPI ITEM QUOTED DAYAN SAYING U.S. MILITARY RE-SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL WERE "GENEROUS AND NOT TIED TO CEASE-FIRE."

FOREIGN PAGE ITEMS COVERED IRANIAN DENIAL THAT U.S.

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AIRLIFTS ARES TO ISRAEL VIA TEHRAN; PROBABLE U.S. FORCES

FROM WEST GERMANY TO ISRAEL; DEMONSTRATIONS IN U.S.
AGAINST "U.S. ME POLICY AND \$2 BILLION CONTRIBUTION TO
ISRAEL BY EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN JEWS."

AL AHRAH FEATURE PAGE QUOTED HEDRICK SMITH SAYING
BREZHNEV'S INVITATION AND IMMEDIATE TALKS WITH KISSINGER
REPRESENT "ATTEMPT BY (BREZHNEV) TO DEMONSTRATE (SOVIET)
INTEREST IN KEEPING SOVIET-AMERICAN DETENTE UNAFFECTED BY
ESCALATING ME EVENTS."; NYT'S GWERTZMAN SAYING SINCE BE-
GINNING ME WAR, U.S. MAINTAINED "CONTINUING CONTACTS" WITH
SOVIETS "TO GET HELP IN ENDING WAR" AND "PRESERVE TEXTURE
OF U.S.-USSR RELATIONS DESPITE INTENSIFIED MILITARY AID TO
WARRING PARTIES"; AL AHRAH'S LEAN KESHISHIAN QUOTING
PHILIP BERRIGAN SAYING, "ISRAEL EXECUTES WILL OF U.S.
MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX," AND LONDON UPI
SAYING U.S. SURPRISED TO FIND NUMBER AND SOPHISTICATION
ARAB ARMS EXCEEDING U.S. AND ISRAEL ESTIMATES.

MAIN LOCAL STORY QUOTED EGYPTIAN MILITARY SPOKESMAN:
"ISRAEL WAS ABLE TO PROLONG WAR BECAUSE U.S. SENT MILITARY
EQUIPMENT BY AIR DIRECTLY TO BATTLEFIELD." SPOKESMAN
ALSO SAID \$800 MILLION WORTH US MILITARY SUPPLIES INCLUDE
TANKS, AIRCRAFT, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AIR/AIR AND SURFACE/
AIR MISSILES INCLUDING SHRIKE."

COLUMNIST MOHAMED SAYED AHMED DECLARED "CEASE-FIRE
THAT RE-ESTABLISHES STATE OF NO PEACE AND NO WAR IS NOT
ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE TO CONTINUING ME WAR." HE ASSERTED
"ARAB ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN BATTLE ARE ONLY WAY...TO PRODUCE
JUST PEACE."

REGARDING REDUCTION OF ARAB OIL TO U.S., SALAH MON-
TASSER SAID U.S. CLAIM THAT ARAB OIL MAKES UP ONLY 7 PER
CENT OF ITS TOTAL REQUIREMENTS IS INACCURATE. HE ASSERTED
U.S. USES LARGE PERCENTAGE OF ARAB OIL INDIRECTLY...FROM
EUROPEAN MARKETS AS REFINED OIL PRODUCTS FOR NATO FORCES
AND U.S. IMPORTS.

ALAKHBAR

FOUR BANNERHEAD REPORTED SC UNANIMOUS CEASE-FIRE
RESOLUTION "FOLLOWING SOVIET-AMERICAN AGREEMENT ON PEACE
PROPOSAL." SC'S ACTION WAS COVERED UNDER KISSINGER AND
BREZHNEV PORTRAITS.

KUWAIT AND QATAR US OIL HALF WAS REPORTED IN TWO-
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COLUMN STORY.

ONE-COLUMN STORIES COVERED DAYAN'S STATEMENT THAT
US AID IS "GENEROUS" AND U.S. SOLDIER HOLDING DUAL NATION-
ALITY WAS AMONG ME WAR DEAD.

FEATURE PAGE QUOTED LONDON OBSERVER STATING THERE IS
LITTLE DOUBT KISSINGER WANTS TO USE WAR SHOCK TO URGE
ISRAEL TO ADOPT A MORE CONCILIATORY STAND.

BACK PAGE ITEM REPORTED RECOMMENDATION BY GOE CINEMA

AND THEATER SYNDICATE TO STOP AMERICAN COMMERCIAL FILM
SHOWS IN EGYPT BECAUSE OF U.S. ROLE IN CURRENT ME WAR.

3. AL GOMHOURIYA

FIRST OF FOUR BANNERHEADS ON WAR DEVELOPMENTS READ:
"AMERICAN-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON DRAFT ME SC CEASE-FIRE PRO-
POSAL."

TWO-COLUMN FRONT PAGE WIRE SERVICE REPORTS COVERED
KUWAIT AND ABU DHABI HALTING ARAB OIL EXPORTS TO
U.S.

ONE-COLUMN FRONT PAGE ITEM QUOTED DAYAN SAYING U.S.
AID IS "GENEROUS."

MAIN FOREIGN PAGE STORY QUOTED UPI TEL AVIV REPORT
ON ISRAEL'S "OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL
WAR PARTICIPATION."

MAIN EDITORIAL SAID EVIDENCE OF "ARAB SOLIDARITY" IN
HALTING ARAB OIL EXPORTS AND FACILITIES TO U.S. IS NOT
ENOUGH TO COUNTER "U.S. ANTI-ARAB HOSTILITIES." PAPER
CALLED FOR "LIQUIDATING" U.S. INTERESTS IN ARAB WORLD.

4. COMMENT:

NEITHER CAIRO PRESS NOR GOE OFFICIALDOM HAD OPPOR-
TUNITY TO EVALUATE OR COMMENT UPON UNSC RESOLUTION BEFORE
TODAY'S PAPERS WENT TO BED.

FIRST EDITION OF AL AKHBAR LOCKED UP AT MIDNIGHT
WITHOUT NEWS OF SC RESOLUTION. IT CARRIED EDITORIAL CON-
DEMNING US ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN ME WAR AND FRONT PAGE
WAS TENSE IN TONE. THIRD EDITION, PRINTED AT DAWN TODAY,
PICKED UP SC RESOLUTION STORY AND SUBSTITUTED EARLIER
EDITORIAL WITH ONE PRAISING FEATS OF EGYPTIAN ARMY.

US MILITARY SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL REMAIN CONSTANT THEME.
NUMEROUS BRIEF ITEMS FROM AROUND THE WORLD SUPPORTING
THIS THEME COUPLED WITH BLACKOUT ON NEWS OF SOVIET RE-
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SUPPLIES TO EGYPT AND SYRIA HAVE LEFT THE EGYPTIAN READER
WITH ONLY ONE NATION TO BLAME FOR POSSIBLE ARAB MILI-
TARY SETBACKS. TODAY'S NEWS STORIES ABOUT US MILITARY
SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL DIMINISHED SOMEWHAT IN RELATION TO LAST
THREE DAYS; THIS MAY BE BECAUSE OF RELATIVE DEARTH OF
CREDIBLE STORIES (I.E., WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES) RATHER THAN
CHANGE IN INFORMATION POLICY.

EGYPTIAN MILITARY SPOKESMEN CBNTINUE TO ASSERT THAT
EGYPTIAN BATTLEFIELD POSITION IS GOOD, BUT SOME IN PUBLIC
ARE AMAZED AND SOMEWHAT DISGRUNTLED TO HEAR THAT POWERFUL
EGYPTIAN ARMY HAD APPARENTLY LEFT STRATEGIC BITTER LAKES AREA
RELATIVELY UNDEFENDED THEREBY GIVING ISRAELIS OPPORTUNITY
TO MAKE A SUCCESSFUL CANAL CROSSING.

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